

Charity Film Screening 2026 Adelaide Fringe Festival Friday March 20th 2026

People's Choice Award – Best Picture

WISE WORDS

Director/Writer/Producer – Louis Dickins



“Wise Words is a beautifully crafted yet simple production. The characters are believable and relatable. It delivers a simple message, “Listen to her”, with good humour. It is an adorable experience.”



Judges' Award – Best Picture

APHELION

Director/Writer/Producer – Steven Willems



“An UGLY story - but one needing to be told. This film is brutal realism. Aphelion shows the myriads of ways an abuser uses their power imbalance to humiliate, coerce, control and violate their partner. A great film.”



2026 HeARTflicks Finalist Award Winners

Tidal

Director - Sofia Poli, Australia

“The heart wrenching 'I'm scared' puts family arguments in their place. This is a wonderful piece of cinema.”

The Bull

Director - Jevan Chowdhury, United Kingdom

“A human drama that is suspenseful with great characters and a simple premise that is beautifully shot.”

Spider-Zan

Director - Maryam Khodabakhsh, Iran

“A rare gem. There is no 'acting' in this film. It feels like we are watching a family's real life as it unfurls.”

Football Crazy

Director - Katie Harriman, United Kingdom

“Credible, honest performances and a neat twist that makes this a satisfying film with a very powerful message.”

All Three Counts

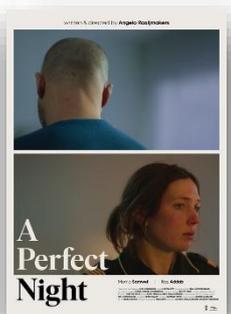
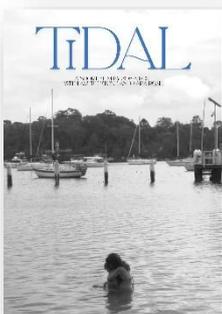
Directors - Natalie Scarman, Aron Giagu, Australia

“A fast-moving crime thriller that argues abuses could have been stopped if those who saw something said something”

A Perfect Night

Director - Angelo Raaijmakers, Netherlands

“Both chilling and heartwarming. A cinematic joy. A personal story told by a great writer / director and portrayed by two great actors.”



2026 HeARTflicks Honourable Mentions

Any place

Director Minerva Elisa Bolaños, Mexico

Living For Today

Director Ryan Littler, Australia

The Charitable Sisterhood of the Second Trinity Victory Church

Director Dean Owen-Sims, Australia

Me Myself and Him

Director Zakariya Muhammad Ilias

In The Circle of Life

Directors Zaya Benazzo, Maurizio Benazzo, United States

Headshot

Directors Natalie Scarman, Aron Giagu, Australia

In Half

Director Jorge Morais Valle, Spain

Pestis Muliebris - Stories of Female Resilience

Directors Vittorio Caratozzolo & Class 2 A , Luca Nicolini, Italy

The Experiment

Director Maxim Akbarov, Kazakhstan

The Forest

Director Maryia Bulavinskaya, Poland

Junkie

Director Siobhon Kayley, United Kingdom

Rock Parents

Director Nadia Tretiakova, Ukraine